**Major irrigation projects**

2234. SHRIMATI KANAK MUKHER JEE Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state;

(a) the number of major irrigation projects in the country which are currently under construction;

(b) the details-Of those projects, including finances physical targets and time schedule; and

(c) when these projects were cleared and when the construction, work, of each >ject had started? '

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) to, (c) 181 ongoing major projects with a spillover potential of about 15 m. ha and 18 new projects of Seventh Plan with a potential of about 1. 3 m. ha are under construetion. The total provision made for the niajor projects in Seventh Plan is Rs. 10, 145 crores, and 58 major projects were identified as likely to be completed when the VII Plan was formulated. 108 of the ongoing projects were cleared 'n different Plans so far. The Plans in which work was started on the ongoing projects are as under;

| Plan | Number |
|---|---|
| I Plan | 4 |
| II Plan | 5 |
| III Plan | 16 |
| 1966—69 (Annual Plans) | 6 |
| IV Plan | 26 |
| V Plan | 68 |
| 1978—80 (Annual Plans) | 15 |
| VI Plan | 41 |
| | 181 |

**Sakru Steel Plant**

2235. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be please'd to state:

(a) whether-the Salem Steel Plant which tamed profits during the year 1985-86 is currently facing a financial crisis because of various factors including the prevailing' customs duty on hot rolled coil and ol raw materials; and

(b) if so, what steps\Government propose to take for the better performance of the Salem Steel Plant?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI VASANT SATHE): No, Sir. For the year 1986-87 also the Salem Stee) Plant is expected to make a profit. The exact position will be known after the accounts -are finalised and audited.

(b) Does not arise.

**Revised demand for dronght relief toMaharashtra**

2236. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state.

(a) whether it is a fact that th^ Gov ernment of Maharashtra had recently sub mitted a revised demand to the Centra! Government for special aid to figfal drought situation in the state; and

(b) if se. what is the amount asked for and the decision taken by Government in regard thereto'

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE - DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YO-GENDRA MAKWANA): (a) and (bl Yes, Sir. The Government of Maharashtra has submitted a supplementary Memorandum seeking Centra) assistance for expenditure of Rs. 219. 95 crores for drought relief *m* the State. A Cental Team recently visited the State to make an on-the-spot assessment of the situation. The report of the Central Team has not yet been finalised.